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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/560,345  
Confirmation No. : 9362  
Applicant : Vincent DeGroot et al.  
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Title : Method for monitoring a field device  
TC/A.U. : 2857  
Examiner : H. D. Wachsman  
Docket No. : DEGR3003/FJD  
Customer No. : 23364

**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**Introductory Comments**

The following amendments and remarks are being submitted herewith pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.111 in response to the Office Action of July 23, 2008 in this RCE application.